

House Resolution No. 3052

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have dedicated their lives and careers to assisting others through their employment as emergency services providers; and

Whereas, Mary Seymour of Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as a paramedic who has worked for the Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust (MAST) for fifteen years; and

Whereas, although paramedics are known for providing emergency medical care to injured policemen and fire fighters, on February 23, 2004, those roles were reversed when paramedic Mary Seymour was struck by gunfire after arriving at the scene of a reported house fire and explosion in the 9400 block of Bannister Road; and

Whereas, when Mary Seymour collapsed after being struck twice in the chest by bullets, firefighters hand-carried her one hundred yards from the scene while police officers provided cover fire to prevent her assailant from continuing to shoot; and

Whereas, Mary Seymour was transported by fire truck and then by ambulance to the trauma center at Research Medical Center where she underwent surgery to treat injuries that included four broken ribs, wounds to her right lung, and damage to her heart; and

Whereas, a triathlete who competitively runs, bicycles, and swims, Mary Seymour is the eldest of six children born into the military family of Fran and Kathy Seymour of Maryland; the mother of two teenagers, Jamie McGuire and Matt Johnson; and the ambulance partner of Jose Ubaldo, an emergency medical technician:

Whereas, Mary Seymour was released from the hospital after one week and plans to return to work within three months after an extended recuperation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the fifteen-year-long paramedic career engaged in thus far by Mary Seymour and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she recovers from injuries received while responding to what turned out to be anything but a routine house fire on February 23, 2004; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for paramedic Mary Seymour of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3052, adopted May 13, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker